

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

In Fig. 27, "20" has been changed to --720--.

In Fig. 28, "760" has been deleted.

In Fig. 29, "770" has been deleted.

Figs. 23-29 have been labeled as --Prior Art--

Attachment: Five (5) Replacement Drawing Sheets(numbered 17/24 to 21/24,
and including Figs. 23-29)

REMARKS

Claims 22-45 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 25-45 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

The Examiner asserted that the references listed in the specification should be properly listed in an IDS. However, Applicants have done so in the IDS as filed April 28, 2005. Further, Applicants note that the Examiner has not commented on, or returned a PTO-1449 from, the April 28 IDS. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that—with the next Office Action—the Examiner consider the references filed with the April 28 IDS, and return an initialed copy of the PTO form-1449 filed therewith.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings as including the following informalities:

(1) The Examiner objected to the drawings as not including reference character “720”, as mentioned in the specification. In response, Applicants have amended Fig. 27 to set forth --720-- instead of “20”.

(2) The Examiner objected to the drawings as including the reference characters “760” and “770”, which are not mentioned in the specification. In response, Applicants have removed these reference characters from the specification.

(3) The Examiner asserted that Figs. 23-29 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is shown. In response, Applicants have labeled Figs. 23-29 as --Prior Art--.

Allowable Subject Matter

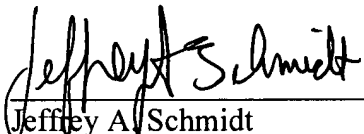
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 22-24 are allowed.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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